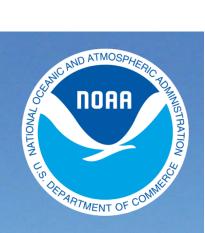
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### What are Nautical Charts?

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### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Vessels anchor near the channel where the bottom is soft. Smith Creek has the best protection from winds.

The current off the Potomac River can be hazardous at ebb tide, when wind and current are opposed, and with northwest **Smith Point.** A shoal area extends eastward from the point; depths as little as 8 feet 2 miles from shore.

**Little Wicomico River.** A marked channel leads from the Potomac River/Chesapeake

Bay junction through a jettied entrance to a marked channel. In 1990, the controlling depth was 7 feet in the entrance; inside the entrance, a depth of 6 feet. The approach is marked by a light. A daybeacon and a

light are on the ends of the jetties, and daybeacons mark the upper reaches for 3 miles.

**Slough Creek.** marked by daybeacon. Small-craft facilities provide gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, berths, and marine supplies. A cable ferry crosses Little Wicomico River at **Sunnybank**. When the ferry is underway, the unmarked cable is suspended 3 feet above the water surface. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PASS A MOVING CABLE FERRY.** 

**Cornfield Harbor** is sheltered from winds; vessels use it as an anchorage for the night.

**Lake Conoy.** Entered from Cornfield Harbor through a marked channel; in 1976, the depths were 8 feet in the entrance and 6 feet in the basin. The facility on the east shore has gasoline, water, ice, marine supplies, and a sewage pump-out station. No overnight berthing is permitted; anchorage in the basin is allowed in an emergency.

**Coan River** has depths of 13 to 7 feet to within 0.5 mile of the head. The entrance to Coan River is marked by buoys and lights; the channel inside is marked at critical points by daybeacons and bush stakes.

**Kingscote Creek** has depths of 8 feet. A shoal extends halfway across the entrance from the west side. Gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, berths, and marine supplies are at **Lewisetta**.

**Glebe** has depths of 9 to 13 feet to the forks 1.5 miles above the entrance.

**Stevens Point**. Gasoline, diesel fuel, and some supplies are available. **Smith Creek** has the protection from winds. A depth of 9 feet can be carried to the junction of the two branches.

**Wynne.** Facilities provide gasoline, diesel fuel, water, ice, berths, and marine supplies.

**St. Marys River**. The channel has depths of 20 feet or more to St. Marys City, then shoals to 12 feet at **Martin Point** and to 8 feet **Tippity Wichity Island**. The course through the fishtraps is **345°**.

**Island Creek** is entered by a marked channel which leads to fishing piers and a turning basin. In 1994, the channel had a depth of 2½ feet with 5 feet in the basin.

**St. George Creek** has a channel with depths of 9 feet for 3.5 miles. A marked channel enters St. George Creek north of St. George Island. In 1983, the channel had a depth of 2 feet.

Morgan Point. Gasoline, water, and berths are available.

Carthagena Creek. Marked by daybeacons and a light.

**Dennis Point,** can provide berths, gasoline, diesel fuel, and marine supplies.

**St. Inigoes Creek**. Depths of 11 feet can be carried to the junction of St. Inigoes Creek **Church Cove**.

**Cove. St. Inigoes Coast Guard Station** is on the west side of its entrance. **Anchorages.**—Vessels bound up or down the river anchor anywhere near the channel where the bottom is soft; vessels sometimes anchor in Cornfield Harbor or St. Marys River.

**Danger zones and restricted area.**—The Potomac River and its tributaries are used extensively by the military establishments for testing operations and gunnery practice. (Limits and regulations for these areas are given in **334.230**, **334.240**, **and 334.250**, chapter 2.)

**Currents.**—The current in Chesapeake Bay off the mouth of Potomac River can be hazardous to smaller vessels and pleasure boats at ebb tide, and when wind and current are opposed, and with northwest winds. These conditions are more pronounced off Smith Point.

**Pilotage, Potomac River.**—Pilotage is compulsory on the Potomac River for foreign vessels and U.S. vessels under register in the foreign trade.

### **U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center**

24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Norfolk Commander

5th CG District (575) 398-6231

Norfolk, VA

### **Table of Selected Chart Notes**

Corrected through NM Jan. 27/07 Corrected through LNM Jan. 23/07

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat. 38°05'

North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

### SMALL CRAFT WARNINGS

During the boating season small-craft warnings will be displayed from sunrise to sunset on Maryland Marine Police Cruisers while underway in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay and tributaries.

### BADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been omitted from this chart.

### CABLE FERRY

Cable across the river may be at or near the water surface. Mariners should exercise caution when navigating in this area.

### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners. During some winter months or when endan-

gered by ice, certain aids to navigation are replaced by other types or removed. For details see U.S. Coast Guard Light List.

### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous substances to the National Response Center via 1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

### CAUTION

Improved channels shown by broken lines are subject to shoaling, particularly at the edges.

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on loating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), which for charting purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 0.456" northward and 1.166" eastward to agree with this chart.

### CAUTION

Limitations on the use of radio signals as aids to marine navigation can be found in the U.S. Coast Guard Light Lists and Nationa

Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Publication 117. Radio direction-finder bearings to commercial broadcasting stations are subject to error and should be used with caution.

Station positions are shown thus:

⊙(Accurate location) o(Approximate location)

### NOAA WEATHER BADIO BROADCASTS.

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Heathsville, VA Salisbury, MD Washington, DC (Manassas, VA) KEC-92 KHB-36 162.55 MHz

SUBMARINE PIPELINES AND CABLES

Charted submarine pipelines and submarine bles and submarine pipeline and cable areas are shown as:

Pipeline Area

Cable Area

Additional uncharted submarine pipelines and submarine cables may exist within the are this chart. Not all submarine pipelines and marine cables are required to be buried, and those that were originally buried may have become exposed. Mariners should use extreme caution when operating vessels in depths of water comparable to their draft in areas where pipelines and cables may exist, and when anchoring, dragging, or trawling. Covered wells may be marked by lighted or

unlighted buoys.

### NOTE A

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Andiguator regulators are published in Chapter 2, occased Pilot 3. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are pubshed in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the egulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, the Coast Guard District in Portsmouth, Virginia or at the

Refer to charted regulation section numbers

### CAUTION

### FISH TRAP AREAS AND STRUCTURES

Mariners are warned that numerous uncharted duck blinds and fishing structures, some submerged, may exist in the fish trap areas Such structures are not charted unless known to be permanent.

Regulations to assure clear passage to and through dredged and natural channels, and to established landings, are prescribed by the Corps of Engineers in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Definite limits of fish trap areas have been established in some areas, and those limits are shown thus:

Where definite limits have not been prescribed, the location of fishing structures is restricted only by the regulations.

### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, U.S. Coast Guard, and National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency.

### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, United States Coast Pilot.

TIDAL INFORMATION					
PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)			
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Dashes (- - -) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.

ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

Aids to Navigation (lights are white unless otherwise indicated): AERO aeronautical G green Mo morse code Al alternating B black Bn beacon IQ interrupted quick Iso isophase LT HO lighthouse M nautical mile

C can DIA diaphone m minutes MICRO TR microwave tower FI flashing

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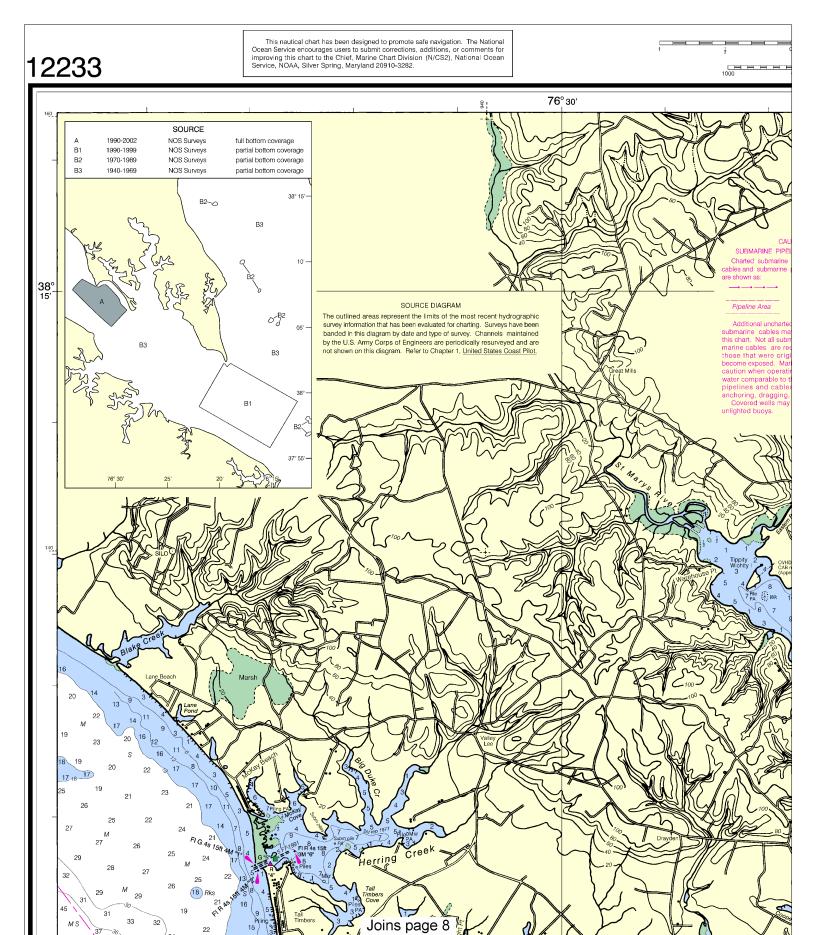
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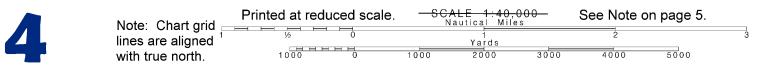
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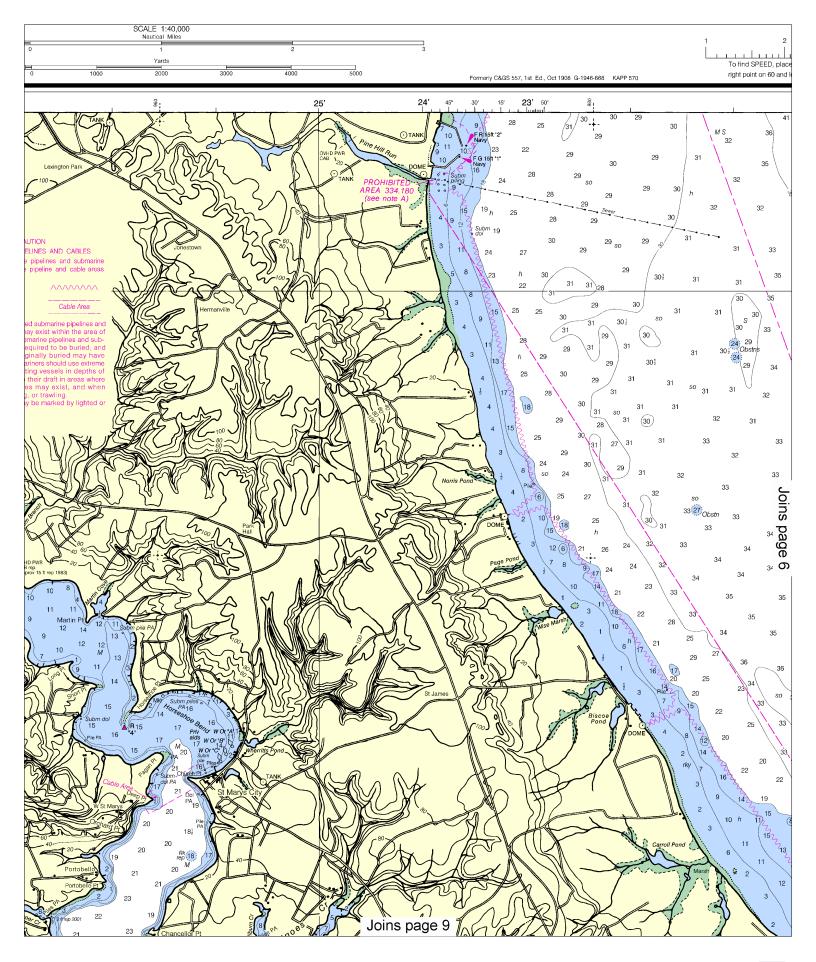
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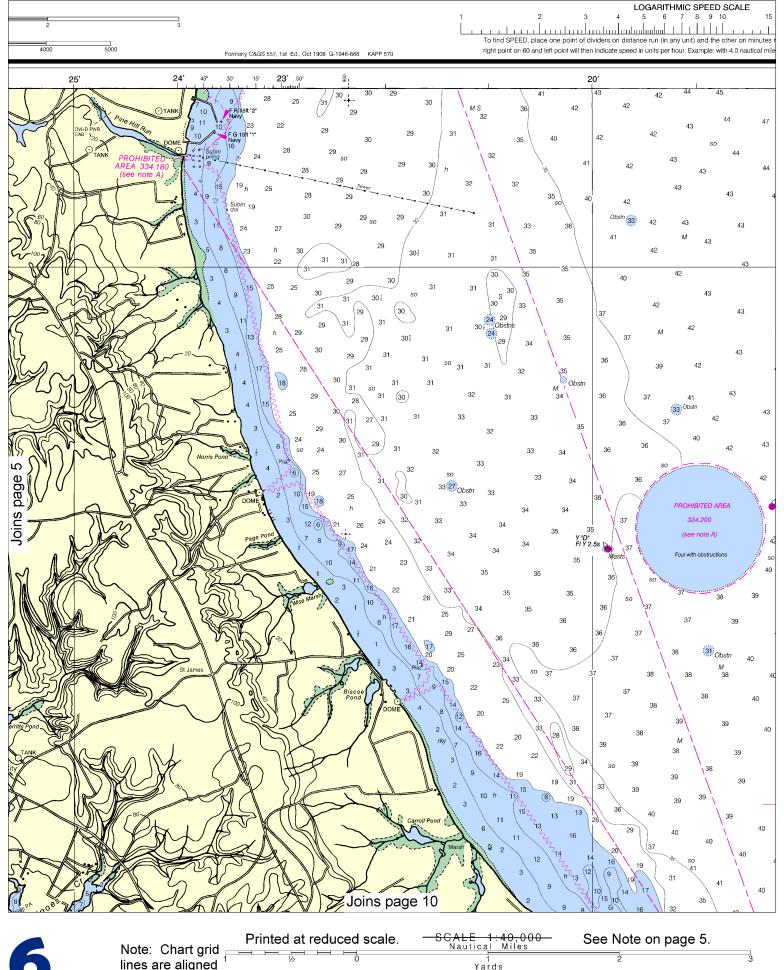
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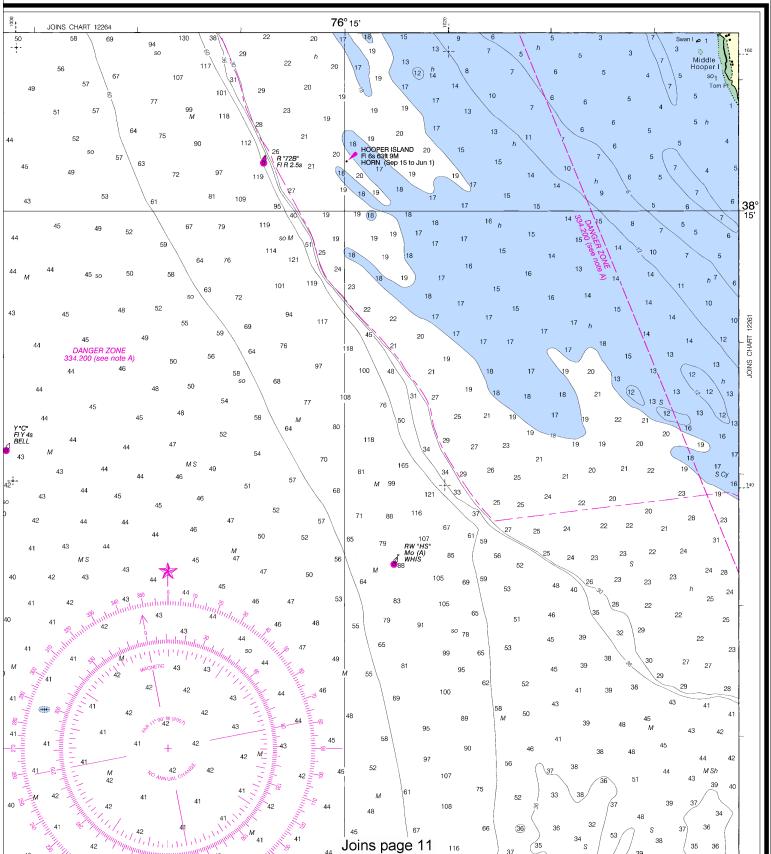


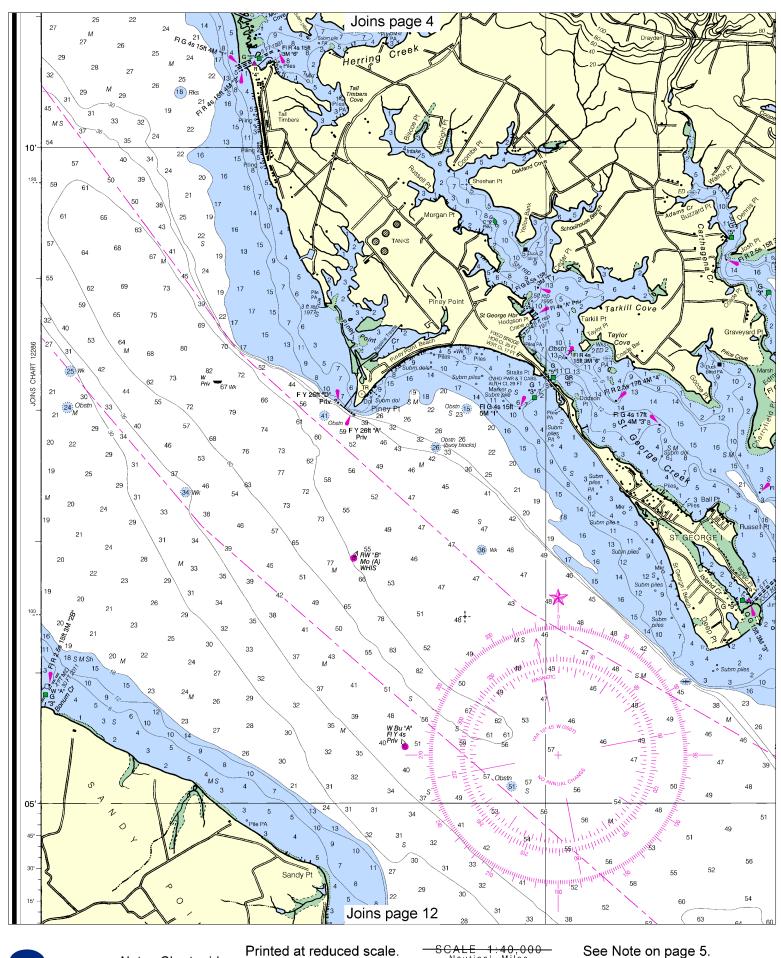


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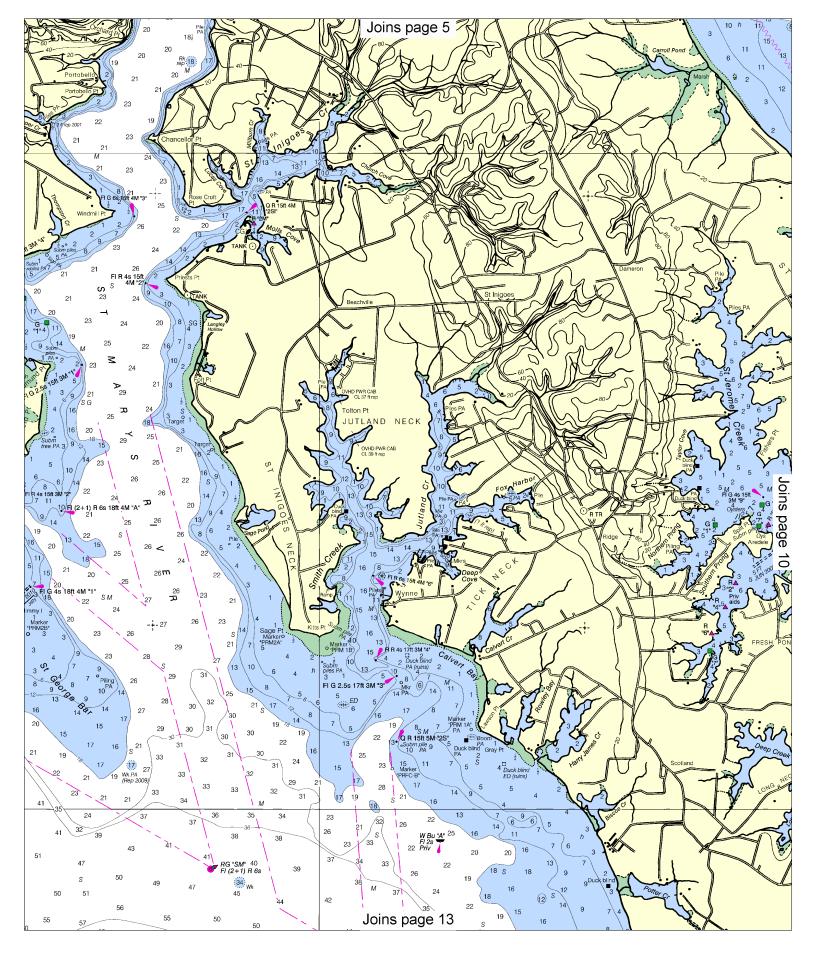
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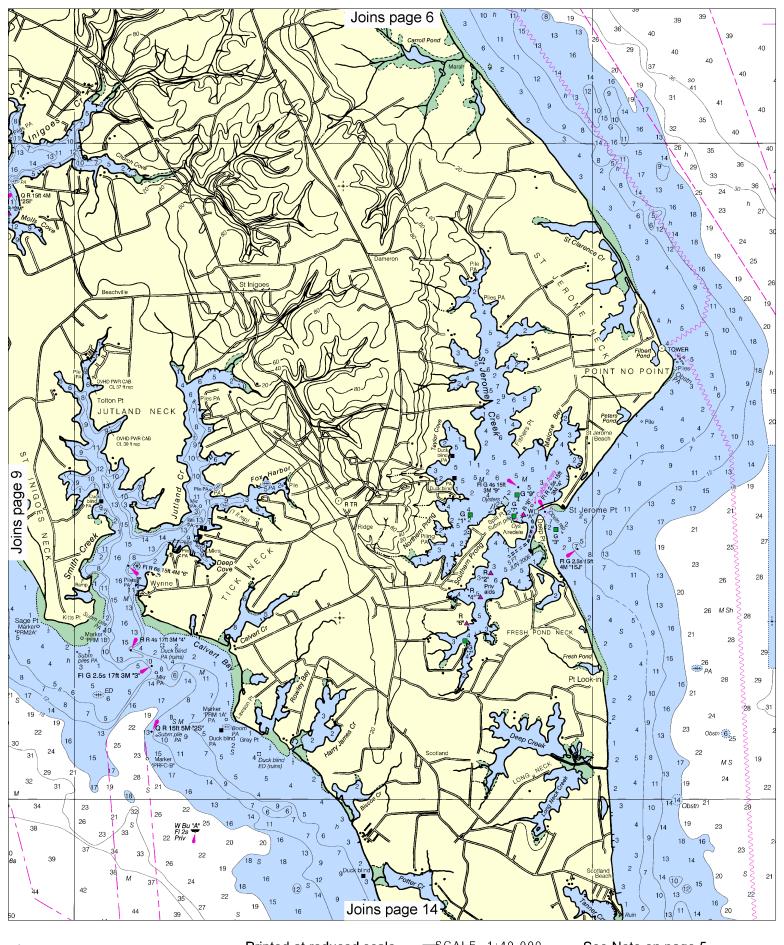
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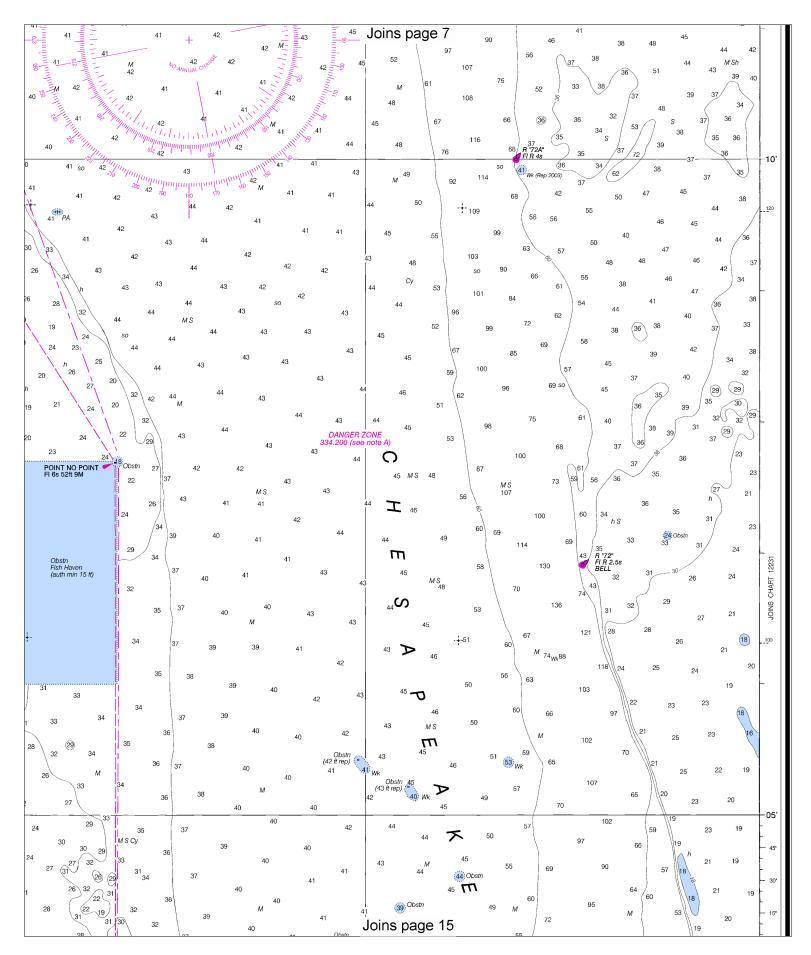
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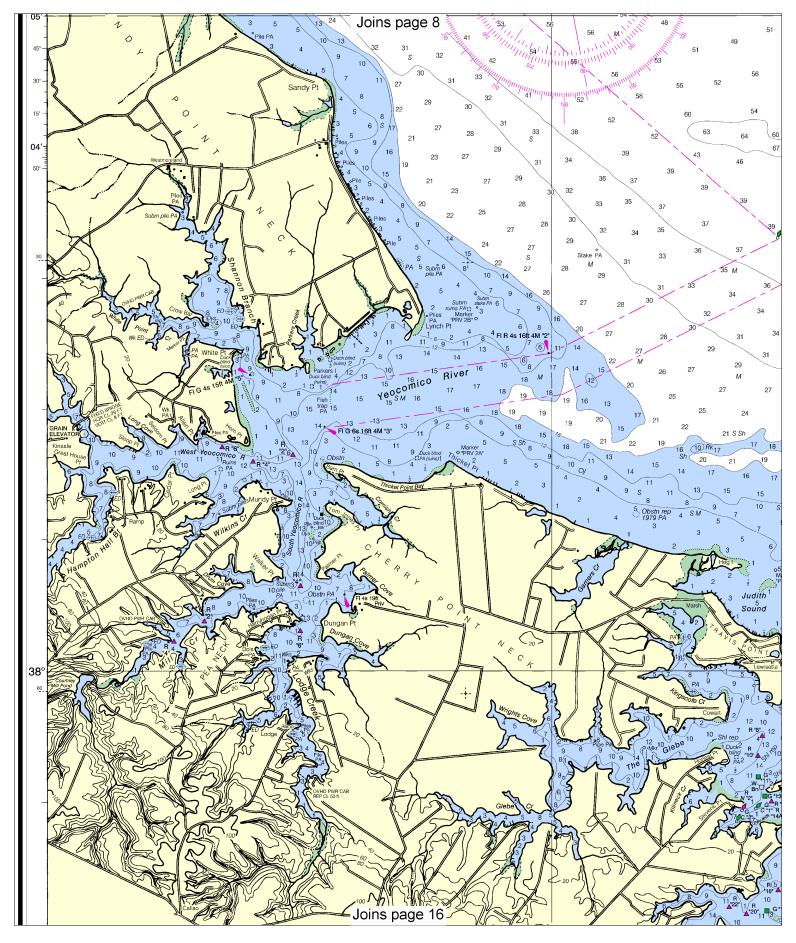
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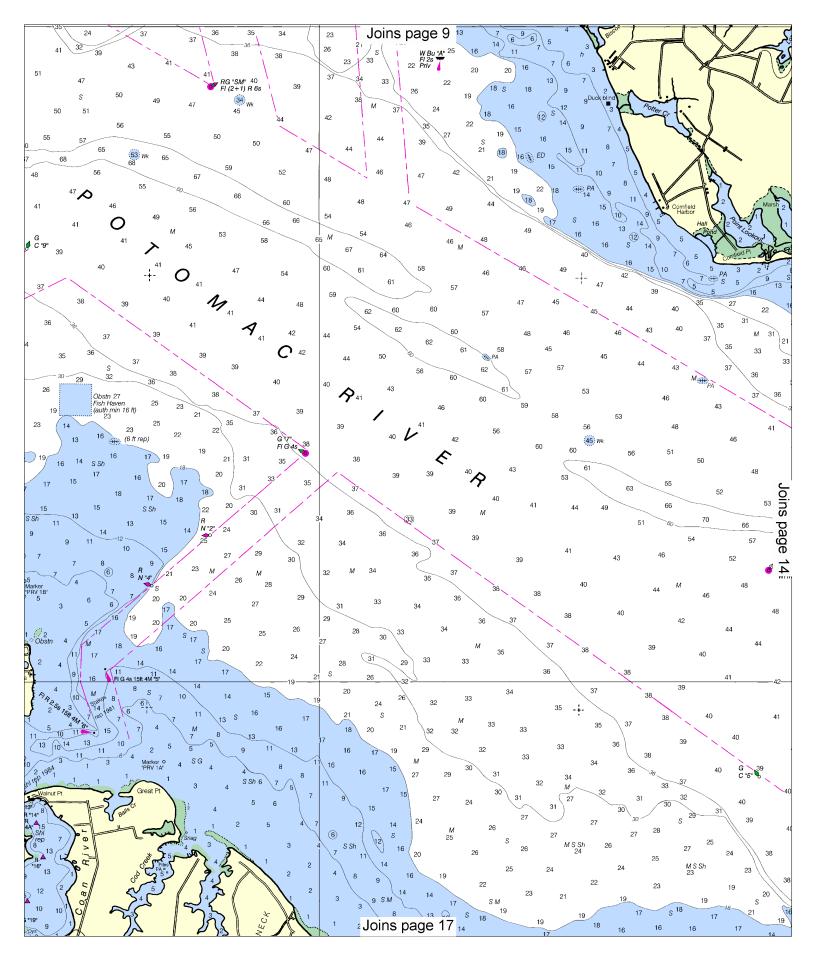
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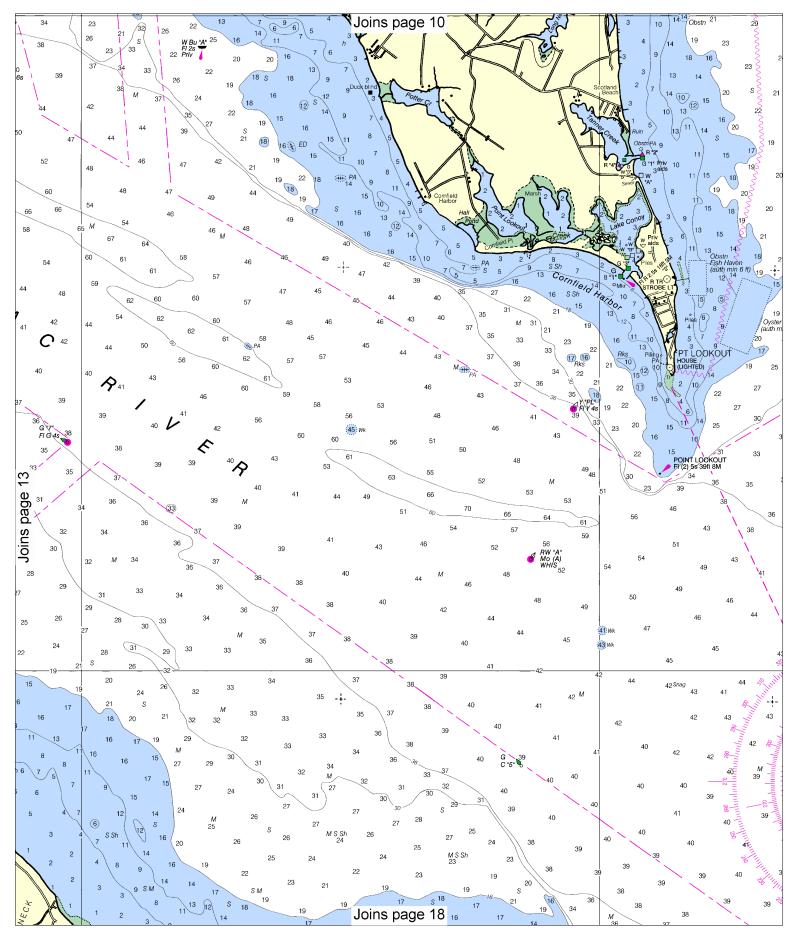
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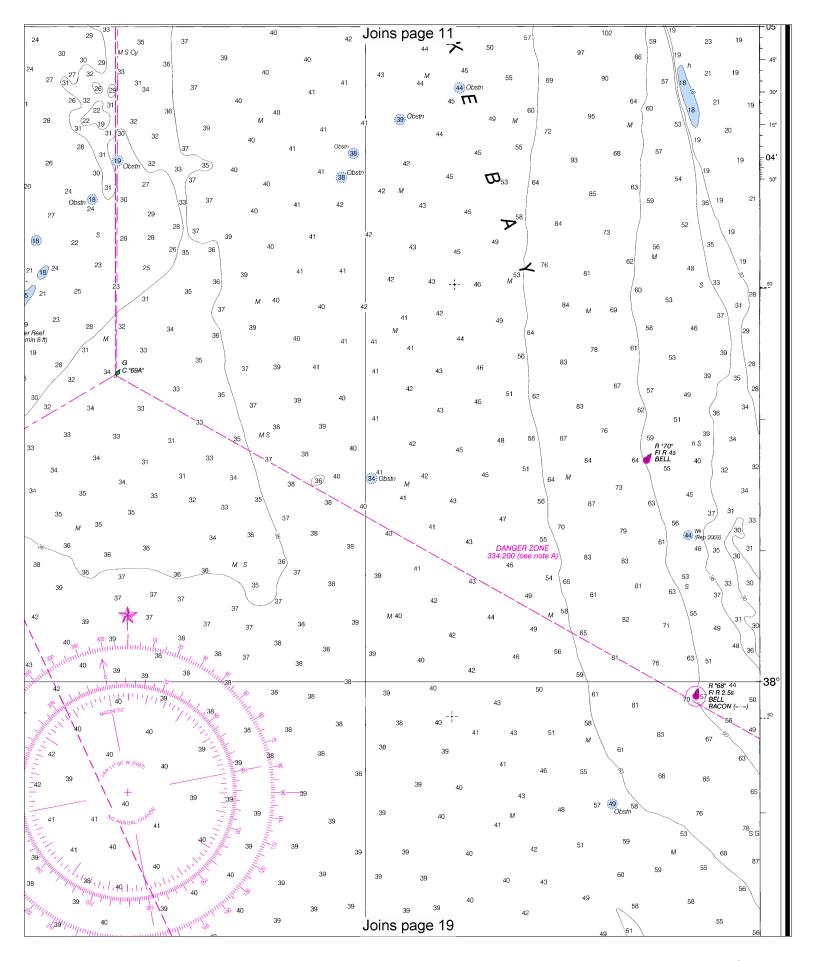
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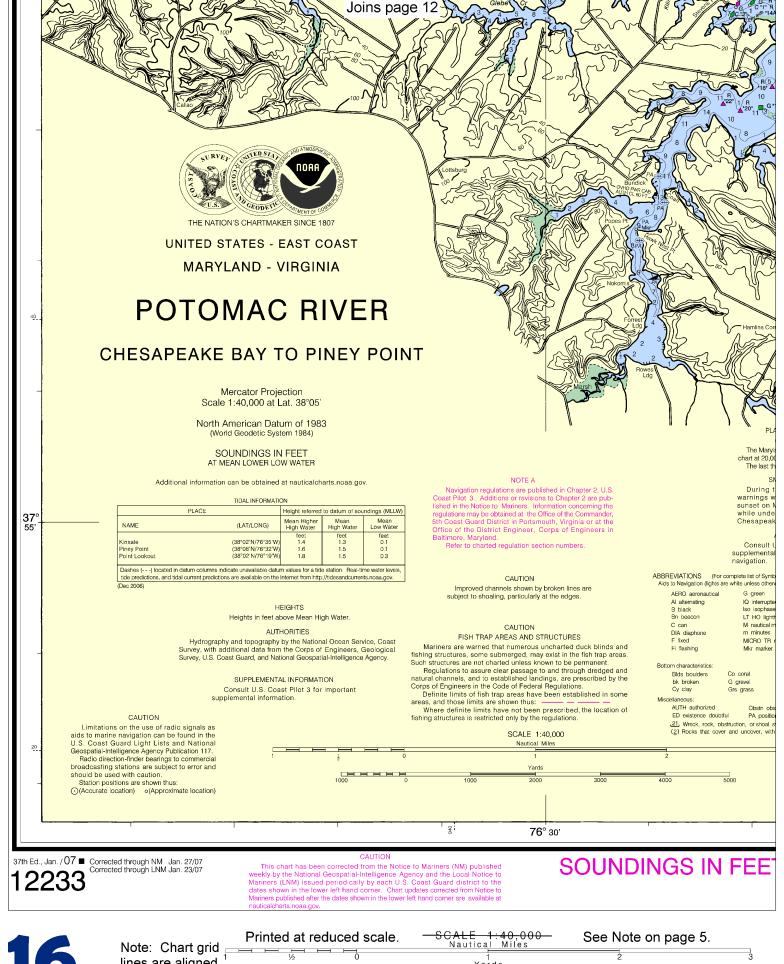
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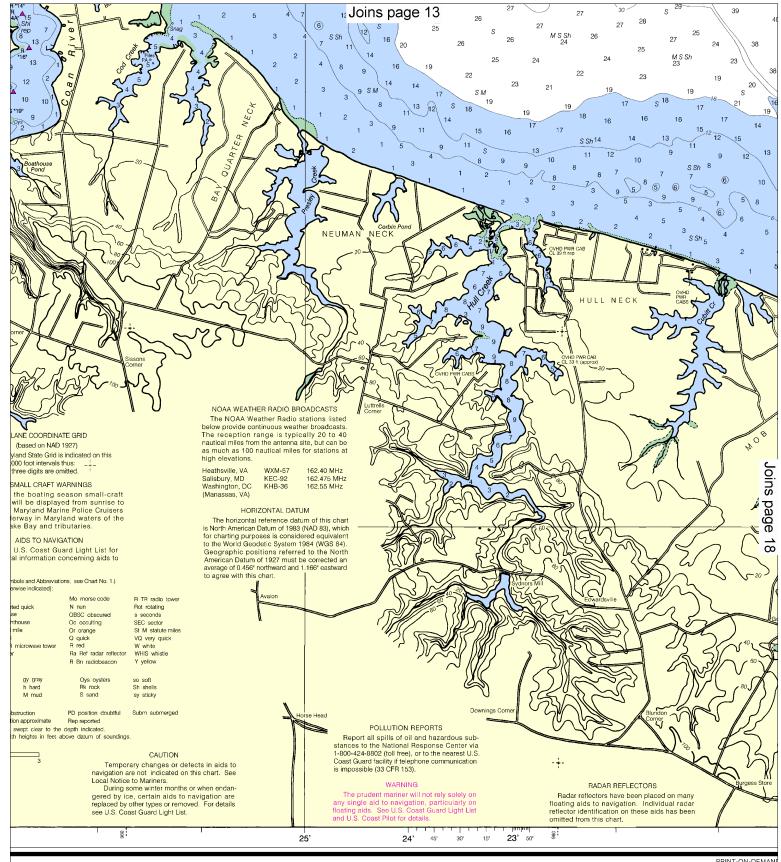
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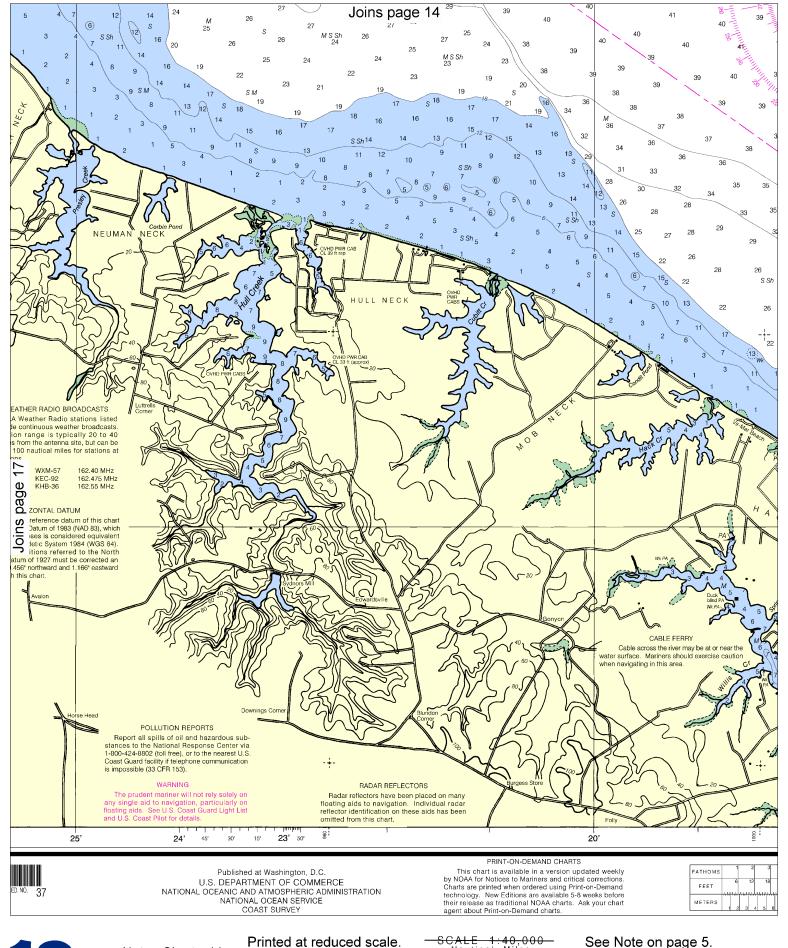
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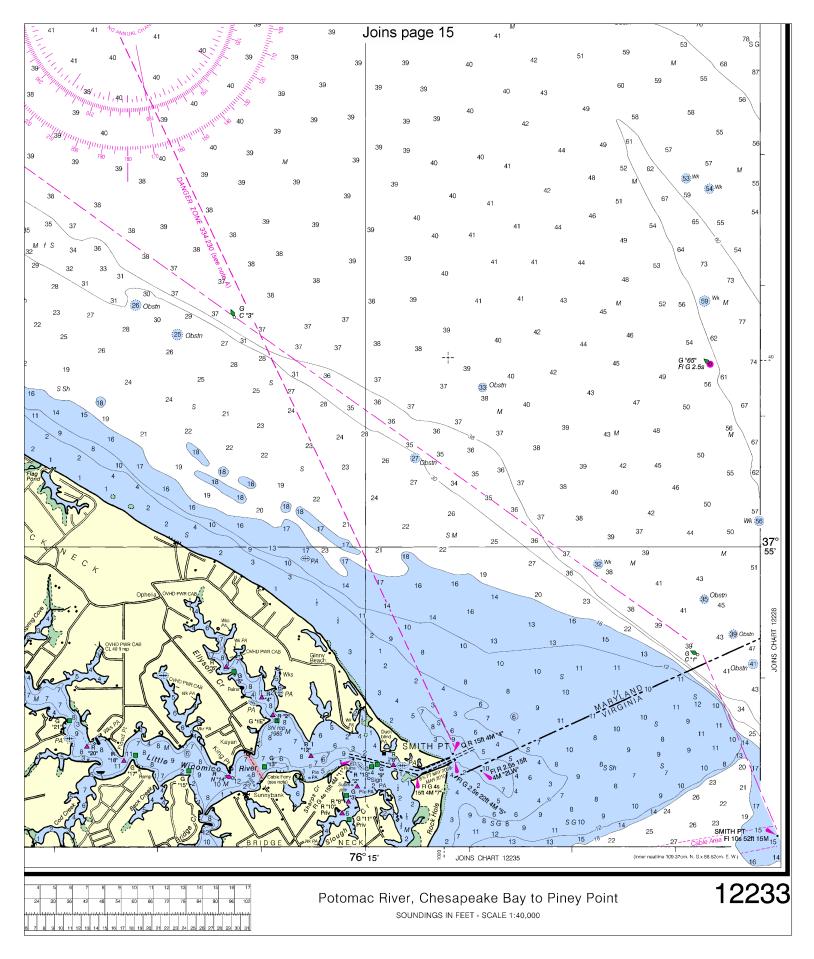
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### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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